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Dictionary



pow·der (pou'dər)

n.

1. A substance consisting of ground, pulverized, or otherwise finely dispersed solid particles.
2. Any of various preparations in the form of powder, as certain cosmetics and medicines.
3. An explosive mixture, such as gunpowder.
4. Light dry snow.

v., -dered, -der·ing, -ders.

v.tr.

1. To reduce to powder; pulverize.
2. To dust or cover with or as if with powder.
3. *Slang.* To defeat handily or decisively.

v.intr.

1. To become pulverized; turn into powder.
2. To use powder as a cosmetic.

idioms:

keep (one's) powder dry

To be ready for a challenge with little warning.

take a powder

To make a quick departure; run away.

[Middle English poudre, from Old French, from Latin pulvis, pulver-.]

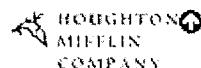
powderer **pow'der·er** *n.*

Thesaurus

powder

verb

1. To break up into tiny particles: bray, crush, granulate, grind, mill, pulverize, triturate. See



help/harm/harmless.

2. To scatter or release in drops or small particles: besprinkle, dust, sprinkle. See strike/miss.

Antonyms

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powder
n

Definition: fine, loose grains from a solid

Antonyms: solid

v

Definition: crush into fine grains; sprinkle fine grains

Antonyms: solidify

US Military Dictionary

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n. short for gunpowder.

See the Introduction, Abbreviations and Pronunciation for further details.

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powder, any mass of fine particles or dust prepared by various mechanical means, e.g., grinding of solid substances, or by chemical means, e.g., precipitation from solutions. In a special sense, the word is applied to powdered propellant explosives, e.g., gunpowder, and to powdered substances that produce a bright light when ignited. See explosive.

Word Tutor

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powder 

IN BRIEF: A dry substance in the form of fine particles like dust, made by crushing or grinding.

 *Global poverty is a powder keg that could be ignited by our indifference.* — Bill Clinton

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